

### Abstract of the Disclosure

Information showing how the information that meets  
the requirements of a user is treated in an information  
5 source, for example, how information about the positions  
and importance degree of articles in newspaper space  
is retrieved, how the retrieved information is outputted  
to the user as layout information, how a specification  
of the information that should be transmitted to the  
10 user based on the layout information is received from  
the user, and how the specified information is  
transmitted to the user.

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